

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Notice of Public Comment Period and Hearing
Proposed Issuance of a Construction Permit
Midwest Generation – Joliet Electric Generating Station

Midwest Generation LLC has applied for a construction permit for its existing Joliet Generating Station located at 1800 Channahon Road in Joliet. The proposed project would convert the boilers at this station from burning coal to burning natural gas. Midwest Generation would also construct a natural gas-fired auxiliary boiler and natural gas-fired fuel heaters as part of this project. This project will greatly reduce annual emissions of sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxide and particulate matter from the Joliet Station. The facility will continue to be a non-major source of emissions of volatile organic material. The proposed project would not be a major project for the purposes of New Source Review, i.e. 35 IAC Part 203 and 40 CFR 52.21. For the main boilers, conversion to natural gas will result in certain emission standards that currently apply to these boilers no longer being applicable. In addition, the conversion may result in the main boilers becoming subject to certain other emission standards.

Based on its review of the application, the Illinois EPA has made a preliminary determination that the application meets the standards for issuance and has prepared a draft permit for public review. The Illinois EPA is holding a public comment period and a hearing to accept comments from the public on the proposed issuance of the permit prior to making final decisions on the application.

The Illinois EPA will hold a public hearing on September 24, 2015 at 7pm at Joliet Junior College Weitendorf Agricultural Education Center, 17840 Laraway Road in Joliet. The hearing will be held by the Illinois EPA to receive comments and answer questions from the public prior to making a final decision concerning the draft permit. The hearing will be held under the Illinois EPA's "Procedures for Permit and Closure Plans," 35 IAC 166, Subpart A. Lengthy comments and questions should be submitted in writing. Requests for interpreters (including sign language) must be made by September 3, 2015. Any questions about hearing procedures or requests to address special needs should be made to the Illinois EPA, Dean Studer - Hearing Officer, Re: Joliet Generating Station, 1021 N. Grand Ave. E., P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, IL 62794-9276, 217/558-8280.

The Illinois EPA will accept written public comments on the draft permit during the comment period. **Written comments must be received no later than midnight October 9, 2015 unless otherwise specified by the Hearing Officer.**

Copies of the draft permit and other documents, may be viewed at a public repository located at Joliet Public Library, 150 N. Ottawa Street in Joliet, and the Illinois EPA's offices at 9511 Harrison Street in Des Plaines, 847/294-4000 and 1021 N. Grand Avenue East Springfield, 217/782-7027 (for the Illinois EPA location please call ahead to assure that someone will be available to assist you). The draft permit may also be viewed on the internet at <http://www.epa.illinois.gov/public-notice/>.

For information or requests about the draft permit, please contact Brad Frost, Community Relations, Illinois EPA, at 217/782-2113 or 217/782-9143 TDD or brad.frost@illinois.gov.